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Miss Marion Winchester, an American actress known as the "Sugar Queen"

Miss Winchester is now appearing in *The Country Girl* in Paris, and will shortly appear in London. She gained her soubriquet on a recent successful deal in sugar on the Paris Bourse

that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." They are *promised* that, with Tariffs, they would get greater wages, and they *know* that they would have to pay more in rent and for food. Yet—to revert to the subject of Mr. Chamberlain's popularity—it is certain that he is the only statesman to-day whose personality can inflame the public mind to any enthusiasm. This is a very valuable asset to a statesman.

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But to those whose duty it is to watch the weather-cock of public opinion, there are some signs which show the way the wind is blowing. Erstwhile supporters of the Fiscal Policy treated Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Limehouse the other Thursday as if it were a contribution to the problem of alien immigration. They were curiously silent on the subject of Protection. The result of the removal of the sugar subsidies, and the consequent decline of the sugar trade, is noted in an ominous manner by the Protectionist Press. Mr. Chamberlain, himself, betrayed a sensitiveness to criticism which is remarkable in a statesman who does not hesitate to use plain language towards his opponents.

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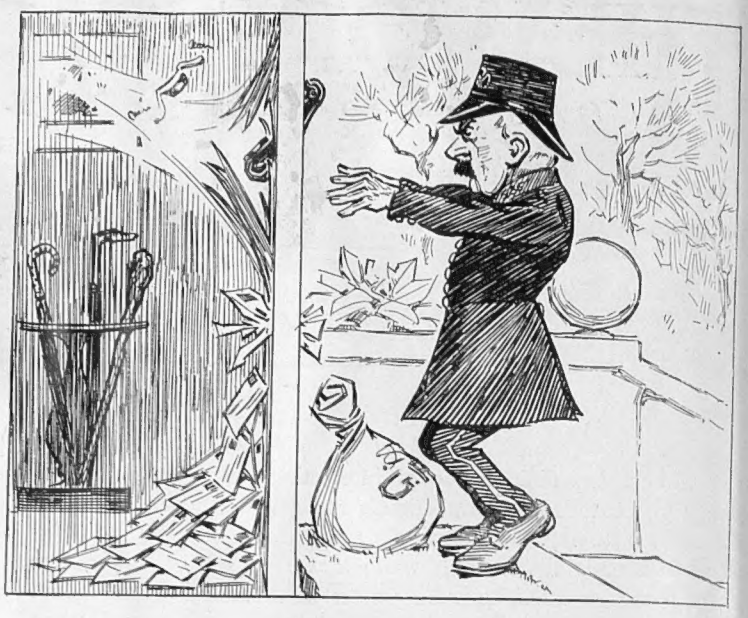
If the country is not decided in favour of Mr. Chamberlain's whole-hog policy, it is not at all uncertain that Protection in a modified form might be carried throughout the length and breadth of the country. That is to say, if Tariff Reformers definitely decided against the taxation, both of food and all raw materials, or materials which are imported for re-export in a finished form. Such commodities, for instance, as American boots, German toys, and French motor-cars, to name three at hazard, might well be taxed, and we believe that such a proposal, if taken up by Mr. Chamberlain, would meet with great success.



"There! and I hope they're all bills!!"

Orders have been issued that postmen are not to receive Christmas boxes

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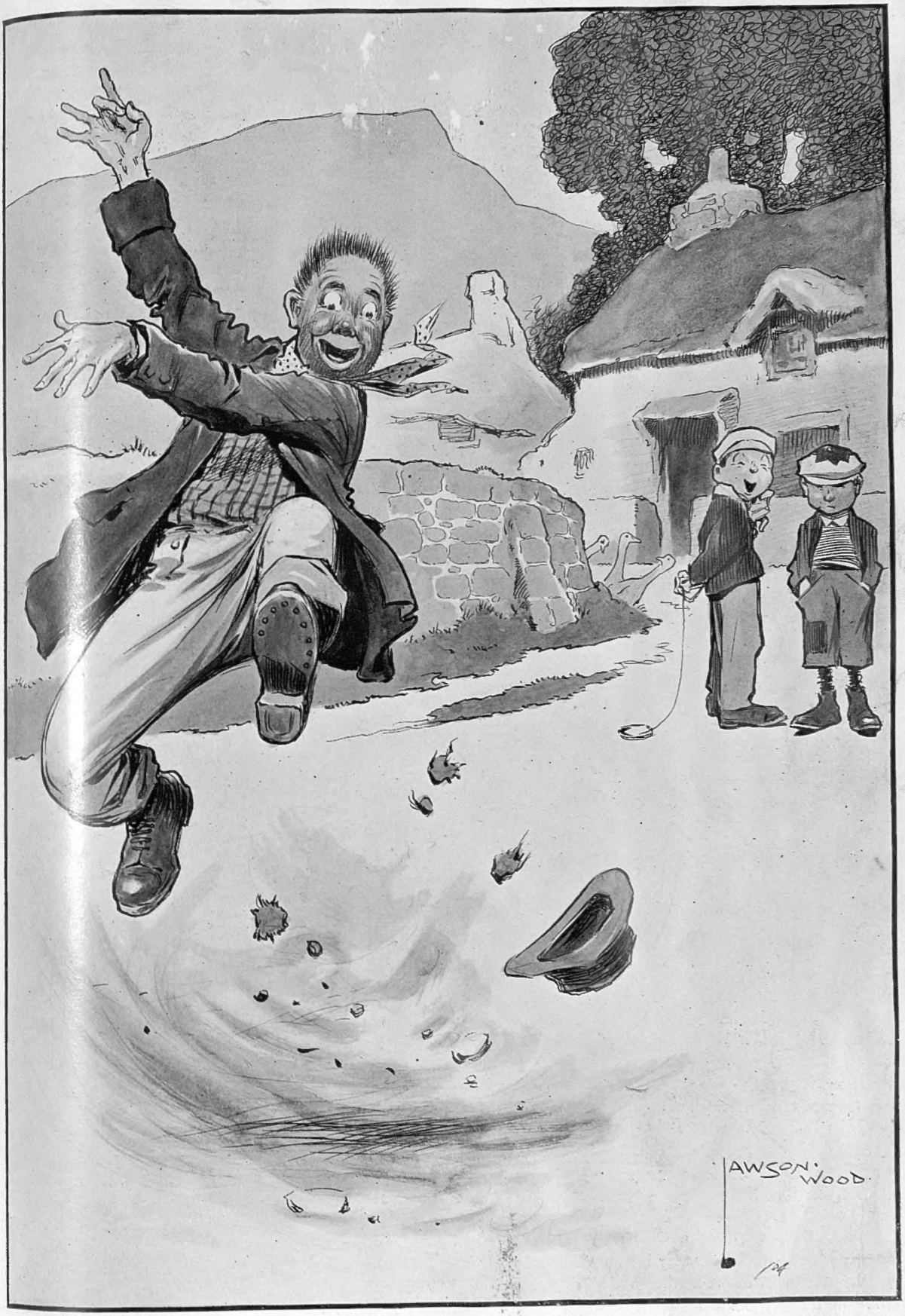
Revivalism in Wales



WELSH BOY: "Say, Owen, your father don't seem well. What's the matter with 'im?"

OWEN: "Oh, 'e's all right—only 'e got 'saved' last night—and its made 'im that 'appy, 'e can't get over it"

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"At the Sign of the Times"

Motoring in Abyssinia

Abyssinians will no longer be able to take their pet dogs about with them, when they go for walks; or drive their pony-chaises in the once peaceful Abyssinian country lanes. For the German giants, whom the Kaiser is sending out to King Menelik, are taking with them not only a silver washstand for Menelik's Queen, Taitu, but also a Daimler traction motor for the Negus himself. Is the Negus, by the way, such a heavy man as to require a traction motor?

The Way of Reformers

"THE RUSSIAN REFORM MOVEMENT." Such was the genial headline which the *Times* saw fit to place above its report of how in St. Petersburg the mounted police and gendarmes charged the students who assembled in the Nevsky Prospect the other day. Perhaps the students, who included many girls from the High Schools, ought to have been at their books: but for several hundred mounted men to charge them on that account seems to indicate rather a violent temper among the Reformers.

Quite Impossible

It seems that the High School girls shouted "Down with Autocracy"; which they should not have done, though many grown-up Russians think it would be rather a good thing. If M. Muravieff's resignation of the Ministry of Justice is to be attributed to these shouts, the High School girls did well. M. Muravieff's own account of his resignation, however, is said to be that he could no longer administer Justice, now that the principle of autocracy by which he has always worked, is being impugned. This reminds us of the explanation given by an old English country gentleman to someone who asked him why he no longer came up to town, in spite of the express train service. He said he couldn't come, because the stage-coach had stopped running.

Some Simple Changes

Everyone appears to be very willing to rejoice at the re-organisation of the Navy, especially as it has been done without all the speeches and explanations, without which not a button is changed in the sister service. Most of us are not, in any case, so ready to

CORRECTE ROVERBS—No. III.

"FINE FEATHERS D ALWAYS MAKE FINE BIRDS"

Photo by *Haines*

The Burford Bridge Hotel: The noted Coaching House at the foot of Boxhill, which has just been sold

This famous old hostelry, with its many historic associations, has just been sold to the Surrey Trust Company. It was at this hotel that Lord Nelson was staying with Lady Hamilton when the Admiralty messenger arrived, bringing him the despatch which bade him proceed to Portsmouth to take command of the fleet that afterwards conquered at Trafalgar

criticise the Navy authorities, as we are to criticise those of the Army, naval terms being a little less familiar and more difficult to understand perhaps than those in use at the War Office. But two points in the new Memorandum are simple enough: (1) That henceforth useless and obsolete ships will no longer be considered useful and up to date. (2) That all other ships will at one time or another proceed to sea. This is as it should be. Obviously, we do not want to keep our ships on dry land, as we heard a politician maintain in a railway carriage. Our only wonder is why these two simple and straightforward points never struck some previous Naval Lord.

Christening Streets

London Councillors do a lot of valuable work, but it is doubtful if the re-christening of streets within their areas can be included in it. This thought is suggested by the fact that the Paddington Council proposes altering the names of three streets at present called Warwick Road, Warwick Place, and Warwick Mews, to Browning Avenue, Browning Place, and Browning Mews. The Postmaster-General, it appears, has too many Warwick Roads on his books.

Doubts About Browning Mews

This, however, seems no good reason for altering Warwick to Browning in all three cases, even if it be true, as the Council alleges, that Browning lived for some time in a neighbouring by-way called Warwick Crescent. There is no great harm in the change perhaps, and place-names in towns are not easy to bestow. Our ancestors named places after some distinctive feature of them—"Cold Ridge," "Low Wood," or what not. In modern towns that is impossible. "Jerry-built Avenue," "Bathroom Villas," or "Draughty Lane" would appeal to very few landlords, and to still fewer tenants, however descriptive they might be. On the other hand, a great man's name should not be used too lightly. Browning Avenue might do, if it is an avenue. But Browning Mews—even supposing the poet kept a carriage there—seems unsuitable. Why not the name of a minor poet for the smaller street? Montgomery Mews, for example, if no more modern poet would lend his name.

Christmas Letters

The *British Weekly* has suggested that, as it is the kind thought rather than the money value that we all prize in a present, we should this Christmas—instead of presents—"send out a batch of kind, affectionate and encouraging letters." The idea is an excellent one, and to enable bashful readers to put it into practice, an expert has compiled under our directions a brief Christmas letter-writer; of which the following are specimen letters:

From an Uncle to his Young Nephew:

TOM,—I note your statement of wishes with regard to Christmas present, but, after reading the *British Weekly*, have decided to send you a letter instead of an air-gun. Remember, my boy, that you must work hard, and not tease your sisters, if you want to grow up into a noble, manly fellow.

An excellent plan during th
sure of a Latin verb every d
will prize his advice far
might e y injure yourse
Uncle.

(2) From a Rich Cousin to [illegible] or e :

My Dear Cousin,—I had though [illegible] forwarding a Hamper to you, as usual, but I see from the *E itish Weekly* that a letter would probably be more welcome. We are having a large party over Christmas, and expect a good deal of amusement. We shall, however, think of you in your little cottage now and then. You must not lose heart during this cold weather. Fire, after all, is only a luxury, and the Patagonians, I believe, dispense with it altogether. Maria sends a little prescription for chilblains. You can easily obtain the ingredients from the nearest chemist. With heartiest wishes, ever yours.

roduced the finest bullock ever
nd," and he himself has produced
. . . ook forward to Miss Marie Corelli's
, Mr. Guy Boothby's champion Angoras,
natchless white mice of the author of
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The Army Journal

The Army is not to have its journal after all. Financial considerations, which, after all, are important, have deterred the War Office from continuing with it. The majors who have been writing sonnets will have to return to the bleak study of maps, and the love stories of lieutenants will have to be submitted to an impartial publisher.

A PIGEON STORY

"It's wonderful how all your birds come home. Are they some peculiar cross?"
"Of course they are—cross between a pigeon and a parrot—so that if they can't find their way, *they can ask it*"

(3) From a Niece to her Aged Aunt :

Dearest Aunty,—I was embroidering the loveliest little tea-cloth for you, when I happened to see the dear, delightful *British Weekly*, which says letters are much better. So I'm keeping the tea-cloth for myself, and sending you this little note instead. With fondest love, your neice.

The Progressive Literary Man

Soon, literature will no longer be a profession pure and simple. Critics, when they are considering an author's work, will have to take into consideration what other things he has done to serve his country, and apportion their praise and blame accordingly. Mr. Hall Caine has set authors an example. His model farm at Close Lake, The literary world will be the poorer for this loss, but perhaps it is as well. The sword should be practised as well as the pen, if we are to be saved regrettable incidents in our next campaign. And there are so many poets, even outside the Army.

A Novelty

The breaking of a bottle of Australian Burgundy over the battleship *Britannia*, during her recent christening, has roused the wrath of a temperance correspondent of the *Daily Express*. Now that economy is to be combined with efficiency in the Navy, a bottle of Kops' Ale would certainly come cheaper. We recommend the idea to Sir John Fisher.

Minimus.

As a Dutch Doll I
looked very quaint,
But I really believed
I should faint,
For when I got there
All the boys pulled
my hair
To see if I'd done it
with paint.

"He looks like a
candle, I'm sure,"
Said a guest as she
entered the door:
When she lighted the
wick,
He burnt down to a
stick,
And left but a stain
on the floor.

The Lady who went
as a spoon,
Sat out with the Man
in the Moon:
She was very much
hurt
Folks should think
her a flirt,
And was carried away
in a swoon.

A SAD WARNING TO CHILDREN WHO SELECT WEIRD FANCY DRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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The Grafton Foxhounds: A Check

amicably adjusted, and that the incident may serve as a warning to advertisement departments throughout the provincial Press.

Lord Downshire's Harriers

It was only at the beginning of the present season that Lord Downshire entered on the responsibilities of a M.H., and the institution, which thus became a strictly private pack, was no more than one year old, having been established in 1903 as the Windsor and District Harriers. In two respects the pack is quite unique, the uniform of the staff being grey and yellow, and while Captain Arthur Hill, M.P., a kinsman of the noble Master, acts as huntsman, the latter performs the duties of whipper-in. The kennel-huntsman is Charles Hoare, late of the Royal Buckhounds, and Captain Hill, himself, is not ignorant of the chase of the deer, having been in command of the Enfield Chace pack last season. The country hunted lies, strictly, in the Garth domains, of which Lord Downshire's place, Easthampstead Park, is almost the centre, and the pack is a strong one, being composed of thirty-five couples of twenty-inch foxhounds. Just outside the Garth country, however, is a strip of land where fox-hunting has recently been all but unknown, and, as his lordship seems to be meeting there pretty frequently, perhaps the strength and height of his pack may be intended for higher game than the timid hare.

Baily's Directory

The appearance of Baily's Hunting Directory is so eagerly welcomed by all who follow hounds and their doings, that, did any ground for criticism exist, one would hesitate to mention it. The present season's volume is somewhat bulkier than its predecessors, and the information is brought remarkably up to date. The "great run" this year is Mr. Chaworth Musters' celebrated raid into the heart of the Quorn country in 1872, as narrated by the M.F.H. himself. The total number of packs included in the book is 399 (beagles, of course, being excluded), which would have been increased by one had tidings of the new pack that Mr. W. A. Ewbank is organising at Fulstow, near Louth, been to hand before publication. The only item in which improvement could be desired is the review of last

The Grafton Foxho ds: The F

The Hon. E. Doug' s Pennant, Master of the Graf oxhounds

The Grafton Hunt: The Field at Woodford Gorse

season, with which the directory proper is opened, many errors in names of places being noticeable. But this obviously is in no wise due to any negligence on the part of the publishers, being only another instance that caligraphy is not a strong point with the gratuitous correspondent on hunting matters. Nobody but a sub-editor on a sporting weekly could ever hope to compile such an array of names without a fair percentage of mistakes.

Irish Notes

Up to the time of writing, there has been no particularly stirring news to report from Ireland, short running foxes having been the rule with the majority of packs. The East Galway is not the choicest country of all, but this season far better sport has been enjoyed there than heretofore, and Mr. Loraine Bell may well be delighted with the way that his smart pack of hounds are accounting for their foxes. When the pack met at Pallas, Lord Westmeath's place, the other day, a capital forty minutes' gallop was held, and hounds killed their fox handsomely. The Kildare and Meath have both had fair sport, but scent has not been of the best with either. The C.C.H. marked the resumption of proceedings, which had been suspended for some time by the death of Colonel Holroyd Smyth, with a very fair day from Killenagh. Mr. Burke has had some sharp gallops in Tipperary, but nothing to rank higher than a quick burst; Mr. J. C. Higgins has been elected to take the place of the late Mr. W. A. Riall as Field Master with his pack. Mr. Doyne, who hunts Lord Fitzwilliam's hounds in the Master's absence, has had some very moderate days of late, though hounds ran quite nicely at times when they were at Donishall.

A Mighty Catch

Incredible as it may seem, the giant fish depicted in our photograph was successfully brought to bay by means of a rod and line. It is one of the great leaping tuans, to be found in the waters off the Pacific coast of America, particularly in the neighbourhood of Santa Catalina Island. The fish was landed by Colonel C. P. Morehouse, and is the largest ever caught, turning the scale at no less than 251 lbs. The rod used was 7 ft. 4 in. long. It had a 12-oz. tip and a total length of line of 300 yards. It took 3 hrs. and 20 min. to land the monster.

Photo by *Newman*

On the border of the Grafton country: The Rectory at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, the early home of Mr. C. Arthur Pearson

From the Rectory the now famous newspaper proprietor made his first journalistic effort—the despatch of a contribution to *Tit-Bits*

The biggest catch ever made with rod and line: A leaping Tuan, weighing 251 lbs.

The Tuan is found in the waters off the Pacific Coast of Ame[illegible] The specimen in the illustration was landed by Col. C. P. Morehouse, after playing it for 3 hrs. 20 mins., with a 7 ft. [illegible] in. rod, carrying a line 300 yds. in length

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"Mice and Men"

AS PERFORMED BY THE BLACKHEATH AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

Mice and Men, as it was produced by the Blackheath Dramatic Club, at the Concert Hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 6, 7, and 8, has added another to the club's record of successes. The play has in it considerable dramatic possibilities, and these were largely realised by the club, the players keeping their audiences thoroughly interested, and securing for themselves numerous recalls and a great deal of deserved applause. It was gratifying to find that, in spite of the deplorable weather which prevailed on the three days fixed for the performances, the hall was well filled. On the Tuesday only a few seats were vacant, and on the Wednesday and Thursday many people were turned from the doors, owing to a full "house."

The Matron (Mrs. Digby Koe), the Foundlings, and the Beadle (Mr. E. Maidlow Davis)

The Masqueraders at the "Bal Masqué"

The acting honours were fairly distributed amongst the principal members of the company. Of the ladies, Miss Gwen Fegan's "Joanna Goodlake" was the greatest success. Miss Fegan has on more than one occasion won the admiration of Blackheath audiences. Her scene with Captain Lovell at the *bal masqué* was powerfully played. Miss Priestly was splendid as Peggy. The part of Mark Embury was played by Mr. Aubrey Herse[illegible]ith considerable power. Mr. C. Trollope was an excellent Goodlake, and left no opportunity for criticism. Mr. R. C. Middleton, who played the part of Captain George Lovell with care, looked and acted well. Mr. Seymour Brockelbank, as Sir Harry Trimblestone, spoke clearly, and put a good deal of life into the part. Mr. Digby Koe, as Kit (the fiddler), made the most of a small part, and Mr. E. Herbert Wyand, as Peter, was excellent. The remaining characters of the Beadle, Matron, Mrs. Deborah, and Molly, were played by Mr. E. Maidlow Davis, Mrs. Digby Koe, Miss Smyth, and Miss Evelyn Brockelbank respectively, and all were very successful.

Captain George Lovell (*Mr. R. C. Middleton*) Joanna Goodlake (*Miss Gwen Fegan*) Roger Goodlake (*Mr. C. W. A. Trollope*)

Em[illegible]y [illegible] Sir Harry Trimblestone (*Mr. S. Brockelbank*) Peggy (*Miss Priestly*)

Wayland, Blackheath, Streatham, Sutton

Matters Musical

In Praise of English Musicians: Leonard Borwick

It is refreshing to one's patriotic instinct to realise that, in face of the number of foreign *virtuosi*—prodigies and others—who are perpetually besieging London's musical ear, there are some excellent musicians of British nationality to be heard to-day. Three examples, which at once occur to one, are Mr. Leonard Borwick, Mr. Herbert Fryer, and Miss Maud MacCarthy, all of whom have been in London within the last week or two. Mr. Borwick is such a thoroughly artistic pianist that it was a little disappointing to see how few really musical people there are, even in London, judging by the empty seats at his recital. His programme, including as it did works by Beethoven, Scarlatti, Schumann, Schubert, Chopin, and Liszt, was eloquent of his high ideals, and his performance of it constituted a treat not to be enjoyed every day.

Photo by *Kate Cragnell*

Miss Maud MacCarthy

The clever young violinist who reappeared, with great success, at last week's Symphony Concert after some years' quiet study

Herbert Fryer

Mr. Fryer is still quite young, but he has already reached a high level, both of execution and of musical interpretation, and he may be expected to achieve, very shortly, a position in the very front rank of pianists. While Mr. Borwick's playing is remarkable for its quiet strength and comprehension, Mr. Fryer, as is perhaps natural with a younger man, has great brilliancy and spirit, though he is by no means lacking in musical feeling, as he showed by an excellent performance of Schumann's *Carnaval scènes mignonnes*

Miss Maud MacCarthy

It is always interesting to note the subsequent careers of people who have been prodigies. Some are never heard of in after-life; a greater number never attain more than average fame; and few indeed are those who march from success to success, and achieve notable things in the musical world! Miss MacCarthy used to be a prodigy. Eleven years ago, when a mere child of nine she made her *début*, and for five years she was more or less before the public, but from that time to last week she had not been heard in London. Beethoven's violin concerto is a fairly stiff test of a player's capabilities, and it is all the more credit to her that she was so successful in the solo part. Her tone seemed a little hard here and there, but it improved greatly as she went on, and when at her best, she is evidently capable of wonderfully delicate and accurate interpretation. It is obvious that she is not one of those who practically drop out of existence, and it will be surprising if a year or two does not see her in the position of an established favourite.

The New Professor

The cause of English music is likely to be forwarded by the acceptance by Sir Edward Elgar of the professorship of music at the Birmingham University. Dr. Elgar has proved signally that he has fathomed the heart of the matter, and he should be able, if anyone is, to instil some of the right spirit into the graduates of Birmingham. And though London has, up till now, been the centre of musical, as of literary, Britain, it would not be surprising if, in the future, the Midland town were to prove the cradle of a new and essentially British school of musicians.

Future Arrangements

There is a temporary cessation of fixtures in view of the Christmas holidays, but many interesting engagements are announced for early dates in the New Year. Madame Albani is giving three concerts at the Crystal Palace. Miss Maud MacCarthy is to give two orchestral concerts. The Symphony Concerts will be resumed at the end of January. New Year's concert has

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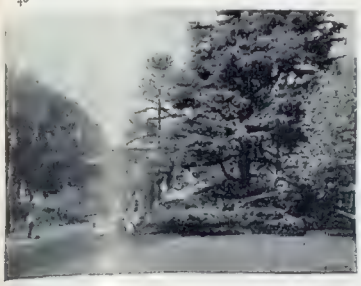

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Fashionable Facts and Fancies

By Mrs. JACK MAY

We are disposed, Ambrosine and I, to trace some of the success of the Esprit Net Dance Frock to the excellently devised and moderately priced models that have been a prevailing feature of the evening dress department at Messrs. Redmaynes, Bond Street. An elaboration of workmanship in the shape of gaugings and *bouillonées*, together with some distinctively decorative touches of ribbon, is procurable at a sum well within the modest five-pound note. Investigating with a peculiar personal interest the matter of these dainty esprit frocks, and being completely satisfied as to the supreme excellence of their value, we felt such valuable information must not be withheld a moment. A white taffeta mousseline, rather Louis Seize in feeling, was another undeniable bargain, arranged something on the lines of the pictured silk esprit net confection. This is trimmed with *bouillonnées* of white taffeta mousseline, and is a really admirable young girl's dancing frock, the hem of the skirt just touching the ground everywhere.

The new Pouch Muff in Mink
(Sketched at Messrs. Harrods, Brompton Road)

Something about Children's Dresses

For children's wear, also, is silk esprit net worthy the best consideration. A charming little person of some ten years, whom we met at a children's party the other day, caught and retained the eye of everyone in a sweet frock that fell straight from a pointed handkerchief yoke cape, the hem of the skirt fussily frilled with the net. Among her soft, dark curls was worn a wreath of holly. It was all so delightfully simple and childish, and struck such a welcome note of variety, moreover, amidst the busy little dresses of muslin and lace.

An effort is being made by certain leading lights to bring in dancing skirts for children that are not *plissé*, but merely cut of extravagant width at the hem, and sloped gradually up to meet a short yoke with becoming symmetry. These, in Liberty satin, discreetly relieved by very soft lace, have a strong element of grace in their favour. Or an individual idea that I will be generous enough to give away, would be the setting of this wide, shaped skirt of white satin, into a narrow embroidered yoke band, cut *décolleté*, and worn over a chemisette, and large Bishop sleeves of white mousseline de soie.

The feeling is very marked for keeping children more shapely. The bunchy, clumsily clad child is now quite out of fashion; the very petticoats worn beneath these wide skirts, and of proportionate width themselves, are all gored to an emphatic flatness to the point where their story is taken up by the usual short yoke. And with the present-day craze for step and skirt dancing, little girls' party frocks practically resolve themselves into these dancing dresses, than which none know better than Messrs. Dickins and Jones how to provide. I have, and am pleased to proclaim the fact here, the very greatest possible respect for the taste and doings of this particular department at Hanover House. It is presided over, wholly and conclusively, by a lady, who declines to believe all she is told, and acts altogether on her own initiative, actuated by observation. She is happily provided with airy workrooms on the premises, and a staff of experienced workers, who are not alone versed in ordinary seaming, but can effect the delicate hand embroideries on filmy fabrics, now so much the vogue.

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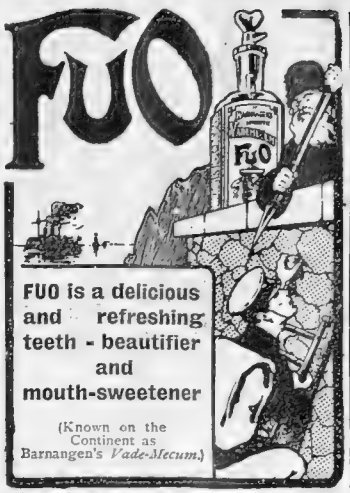

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Voila Le Pannier

This hip excrescence, at once so possible and so impossible, is more than a rumour; in conjunction with *le dernier cri* in evening dresses, it is here. Following closely on the heels of the Princesse, one finds it is difficult to surmise, in the very slightest, what will be the development of this departure.

Though, personally, I am disposed to believe that only an effort, supreme in its intensity will ever lift the pannier away from the evening gown. It appeals as having excellent reason in the cause of the tea-gown and dinner-dress, but somehow the atmosphere does not seem quite right for pannier-decked day figures. Meanwhile, the train cut in one with the bodice in panne, velours mousseline or the ubiquitous messaline, promises to be one of the leading vogues of the immediate future, several representative demi-toilettes for the Riviera expressing this fancy, which works out with admirable effect in a gown rendered high by a transparent chemisette.

And just a word of warning ere it is too late. Under no circumstances is the sleeveless evening corsage now *de rigueur*. Even *en grande tenue* sleeves are an appreciable factor, and are actually stiffened with horse-hair or fish-bone to impart the requisite width to the shoulders, which helps to balance the figure inevitably narrowed by close-fitting corsages and deep belts. And this effect is considerably enhanced, when the sleeves are white or just tinted, a vogue that obtains to a marked degree in the case of the black evening gown.

The New Pouch Muff

A little tardy in making its appearance, and even now only recognised by the *élite*, is this new elongated muff, so faithfully depicted by the artist, in Mink, accompanied by a stand of the same lovely peltry. Everything changes, nothing long is the craze, and, as a change, the [illegible] advocates.

Toyland at Hamley Bros.

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The art of the game consists in throwing or flicking the cards into a square-shaped box, a deed more simple to tell than to perform, since the throwers are seated at a distance. In fact, there is nothing wanting to render Hot Pot the ideal pastime for a party of merry young folk, of an age, however, to appreciate the acquiring of the requisite skill. Most pleasurable also is the reflection that practically all may participate in this new game for the trifling expenditure of 2*s.* 6*d.* And the following are Hamley Bros.' depots where it is exclusively to be obtained: 64, Regent Street; 231, High Holborn; 35, New Oxford Street, and 512, Oxford Street.

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The popular author, John Strange Winter, known in private life as Mrs. Arthur Stannard, has addressed to me a letter on the subject of a private undertaking of hers. This letter is a very interesting one, as it raises a question that, though dealt with very frequently in the Press, has not, I believe, been really thrashed out.

Mrs. Stannard, it seems, not content with writing innumerable books that have charmed us for years past, has developed a gift for inventing certain toilet requisites. Principal among them is a lotion for ladies' tresses, which she has placed on the market, and distinguished by utilising her own name for the purpose of drawing attention to it: to wit, "John Strange Winter's Hair Food." From a booklet accompanying the letter, one gathers that Mrs. Stannard has also discovered other remedies of a like nature. One of them is called "Karmalak," which is "an excellent dressing for the hair," and yet another is named "Lakshmi," being "a perfect skin lotion."

These I mention by the way. The point to which Mrs. Stannard draws attention, is not the number or the quality of these various toilet remedies—which she alludes to in crisp, commercial language as "J. S. W. Preparations"—but to invite us to assist her contention that it is not derogatory in a lady, known far and wide as a popular writer, to embark in trade of this nature. In her own words: "The fact that I have put several toilet preparations on the market has raised a storm of comment for and against my action, the latter from those who think that an author degrades herself by mixing in trade."

Since Mrs. Stannard invites an opinion on the subject, I will not disappoint her. A tradesman's calling is an honourable and respectable one, and nobody will gainsay it. As Mrs. Stannard says herself, many ladies well known in the world of Society have opened shops and traded without loss of prestige. But there is a difference between these Society ladies' trading and Mrs. Stannard's. These noble proprietors are trading their commodities by reason of the excellence of these commodities. They are not seeking to trade on the strength of their personality, or if any of them are, it is decidedly a question whether it is not a proceeding tending to lower the prestige of the person who does so.

Mrs. Stannard is in a somewhat different position. The "J. S. W. Preparations" are, no doubt, all she claims for them. But we do not know Mrs. Stannard as an inventor of "hair foods," and those people who condemn her act in advertising these toilet preparations do so, not because she chooses to trade in such lotions, but because she trades on her personality as a novelist to push her trade as a perfumer, and to make capital for her trade preparations on the strength of the laurels she has won as a novelist. Indeed, so far does she carry this alliance, that she offers "to send a new post-card bearing her specially signed autograph (what does she mean by "specially" here?), to any correspondent who will send her the names and addresses of six friends to whom she can send particulars of "J. S. W. Preparations." I will add no further comment to this, beyond remarking that my readers will no doubt form their own opinion as to whether such trading can enhance the reputation of a lady who has won a name in the field of literature.

I have had a large number of letters with regard to my remarks on suitable means to provide help to distressed gentlewomen. I will refer to the subject in my next notes, my space being already exceeded.

LADY PHYLLIS.

The Menu: Some Dainty Supper Dishes

GRATIN OF LOBSTER

Cut a good-sized lobster in half and pick out all the meat, which must be cut into thin slices. Put a piece of butter the size of an egg into a saucepan, with an onion finely minced. Brown it lightly, then mix in a tablespoonful of flour, and when quite smooth add half a pint of milk. Simmer for five minutes. Put in the sliced lobster, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, a little salt and cayenne, and half a teaspoonful of anchovy sauce. Stir over the fire, and, when boiling, draw the saucepan back, and add the well-beaten yolk of an egg. Fill the shell of the lobster with the mixture, sprinkle bread-crumbs over it, and pour on a little clarified butter. Put the shell in a hot oven for twenty minutes, dish on a napkin, and serve.

INDIAN PUFFS

Take half a pint of picked shrimps (which should be soaked for six hours to remove their saltness), mince them small, and mix them with some clarified butter, seasoned with a dessert-spoonful of curry powder or paste. Have ready some thin pastry, which should be rolled out very thinly, and divided into pieces nearly three inches square. Put on each a little of the shrimp mixture, and fold them over into three-cornered shapes, and fry them in hot fat till of a nice light brown colour. These should be dished up on a serviette, and sent very hot to table, garnished with fried parsley.

MACARONI WITH TOMATO SAUCE

Boil ½ lb. of macaroni with a piece of fresh butter the size of an egg, an onion, two cloves, and a little salt; when done, drain the macaroni and place it in a saucepan with 5 oz. of grated cheese, some black pepper, and six tablespoonfuls of cream. Toss over the fire until the cheese becomes thick and stringy. Dish up in a pyramid, and cover with thick tomato sauce.

CHOCOLATE CREAM ICE

Dissolve 3 oz. of chocolate over the fire in a little water, then add 2 oz. of powdered sugar, and work it all till very smooth with a wooden spoon. Beat up the yolks of three eggs and pour the hot chocolate upon them as quickly as possible, and mix thoroughly by further beating with the whisk. Strain through a hair sieve, and mix well with one pint of cream, then freeze in the usual way.

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